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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mazumder

Serial No.: 09/608,874

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For: TAILORING RESIDUAL STRESS AND HARDNESS DURING DIRECT METAL  
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2006, please amend the above-referenced  
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